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State to hold public meeting on proposal to close Snohomish County railroad crossing

OLYMPIA, Wash. – The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) will hold a public meeting in March to hear the public's views on a request by BNSF Railway Company to close the 292 St./Logen Rd. railroad grade crossing near Stanwood.

The UTC has scheduled the meeting at 6 p.m., Monday, March 30. The meeting will be held in the Snohomish County PUD No. 1's Stanwood Office, 9124 – 271st St. N.W., Stanwood.

The proposed closure of the 292 St./Logen Rd. crossing is in response to a Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) project to extend an existing siding in the area. A siding is a second track where trains can pull off and wait for another train to pass. WSDOT requested the project to improve passenger and freight-train service. It is closely related to the establishment of a new Amtrak station in Stanwood.

Members of the public who are unable to attend the meeting or who want to comment now may send comments to the following e-mail address: comments@utc.wa.gov or submit a comment online at www.utc.wa.gov/comments. The commission will accept comments by mail to: UTC, P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. Please include the docket number TR-090121 when submitting comments.

The UTC is the state agency responsible for railroad safety, including approving new grade crossings and closing or altering existing rail crossings. The agency inspects railroad crossings, educates the public about grade crossing safety and trespass dangers, investigates train accidents, and approves rail-safety improvement projects in Washington.